



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:

Kazuo OKADA

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For: GAMING MACHINE

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Examiner: R. Hsu

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.115

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Sir:

I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination on the merits after filing the attached Request for Continued Examination and in response to the final Office Action dated February 26, 2009, the period for response being extended to July 26, 2009, by the Petition for Extension of Time filed herewith, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

Claims 1, 2 and 11-19 are pending in the application. By this Amendment, claims 3-10 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, claims 1 and 2 are amended and claims 11-19 are added.

II. AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

(There are no amendments to the drawings)

III. AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

(There are no amendments to the specification)